

Area Board 1

Enriching Lives - Amount requested \$10,000

Goal #5 Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies.

Project Summary

Enriching Lives will organize and provide 12 workshops called "Emergency Planning Supports." Major activities of this project include three separate all-day workshops that will be held in each of the four counties served by Area Board 1.

In the summer of 2014, a follow-up exercise will be held in which all individuals will be invited to participate and practice their newly developed emergency plans that may be held in conjunction with the Cascadia contingency drill held by the state.

Area Board 2

AMJaMB, Beyond Inclusion - Amount requested \$9,895

Goal- Self Advocacy and Employment

Project Summary

AMJaMB, Beyond Inclusion Day Services will employ three consumers in The Call Connection Program to make a regularly scheduled phone calls to check on the welfare of up to 100 consumers living in Butte County with medical issues, are aging, or vulnerable for any reason and are home alone for lengths of time. The consumers that are employed through this program will follow up with the appropriate authorities, emergency medical personnel, and the regional center service coordinator for additional services that might be needed.

The major impact to people with developmental disabilities is multifold-meaningful employment, doing for others, the health and safety of others, self-advocacy, and socialization.

Area Board 4

Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower - Amount requested \$7,500

Goal- Education and Early Intervention

Project Summary

Help people with developmental disabilities who have been victims of abuse from being victimized, and prevent others at-risk from suffering abuse in the first place, by equipping them with experiential success-based tools and skills that have demonstrated performance and effectiveness in keeping them emotionally and physically safe and reduce their risk of becoming a victim of bullying, violence, abuse, or exploitation.

Train, coach and mentor people responsible for the care of people with disabilities such as parents, caregivers and health, education and social services program staff in how to recognize, prevent, intervene, respond to and remedy (potential) abuse; how to teach these skills on their own; and incorporate them into their family support systems, special education curriculum, or agency's standard practices, on an ongoing basis.

Area Board 4

North Bay Housing Coalition - Amount requested \$2,500

Goal- Housing

Project Summary

Persons with developmental disabilities cannot afford to live in a home of their choice-where and with whom they live-without affordable housing options. For example, a one-bedroom rents for more than 114% of person's SSI in Napa County; 119% in Sonoma County, and 109% in Solano County. The sad reality is that many persons in our community face a housing crisis, and there is intense competition for the scarce affordable housing. We need to tell the story to our policymakers and community ...not only the compelling heart-felt stories, but with data as well. We propose to complete housing needs survey that compiles existing yet scattered data into a comprehensive report for each city/county in our catchment area. We will present this report to policymakers to solicit their support at local, state, and federal levels for affordable housing for persons with developmental disabilities.

NBHC staff acts as co-chair of the NBART and NCART workgroups. One of the recommendations from the NBART effort was to conduct a housing needs survey. In collaboration with ARCA and several other housing coalitions in California, the first phase of the survey was completed. Unfortunately, lack of funding halted our efforts for a statewide survey.

NBHC proposes to work with interns from Sonoma State University to gather existing data related to housing needs in its catchment area of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.

Area Board 5

Housing Consortium of the East Bay- Amount requested \$10,000

Goal- Housing

Project Summary

The goal of HCEB's SB 812 Outreach & Implementation proposal is to ensure that data and guidelines regarding the housing needs and goals of individuals with developmental disabilities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties are included within jurisdictions' upcoming Housing Elements updates through outreach, advocacy and technical assistance. Major activities will include 1) working collaboratively with Area Board 5 and the Regional Center of the East Bay_ to update the housing need numbers initially established in 2009; and 2) advocating with and on behalf of people with developmental disabilities to ensure that housing need data and guidelines are included within jurisdictions' Housing Element updates per the requirements of SB 812. The impact of this work will be an increased presence of the housing needs of people with developmental disabilities in local housing plans, and the potential to increase funding for affordable housing that is specifically for people with developmental disabilities. It can be replicated and used in other areas, and maximizes the number of jurisdictions that can and will implement the requirements of SB812.

Area Board 7

Hope Services - Amount requested \$10,000

Goal – Emergency Preparedness

Project Summary

Hope Services' Helping Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD) with Emergency Preparedness project focuses on widespread distribution of emergency preparedness information to our clients with DD and their families, and will provide essential emergency preparedness supplies in order to help ensure the safety of over 1,100 of our clients in Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties. We need to have adequate supplies on hand to shelter in place for 72 hours in the event of an emergency or natural or man-made disaster, as recommended by Collaborative Agencies' Disaster Relief Effort (CADRE), the American Red Cross, and all emergency planning agencies. Because approximately 5-10% of our clients in these four counties live independently or in supported living arrangements in the community, we need to ensure that they are prepared in the event of an emergency during hours that they are at home; therefore, we need to allocate sufficient supplies to them at their homes, as well as to our community employment and activity programs taking place during the day.

The overall goal which this project will significantly help to accomplish is Goal #5 in the SCDD 2012-2016 State Plan: "Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families get the information to be prepared for emergencies." However, we are taking it one step further, by not only providing emergency preparedness information, but also the emergency supplies needed to shelter in place for up to 72 hours in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Area Board 8

Kern Assistive Technology Center - Amount requested \$10,000

Goal – #9 Working age adults with developmental disabilities have the necessary information, tools and supports to succeed in inclusive and gainful work opportunities

Project Summary

The second annual Regional AT Conference will educate people with disabilities, their families, and professionals that support them. The conference will include a national recognized key note speaker who is an expert in the field of service delivery to people with disabilities. The topic covered will include serving the Assistive Technology needs of students with special needs in an educational setting. It will be held at a hotel in Bakersfield in February or March of 2014. The conference will also feature a series of at least 3 different workshops that will address the needs of at least 30 family members and people with disabilities.

Area Board 9

PathPoint - Amount requested \$10,000

Goal #13: Community based services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities that enable them to live productive and inclusive lives.

Project Summary

PathPoint (formerly Work Training Programs, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) public benefit organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities or disadvantages reach their fullest potential. It is the intent of this proposal to launch PathPoint's Healthy Relationships Curriculum Project to use the paid peer trainer model to support the educational needs of adults with developmental disabilities regarding healthy relationships and sexuality. The human right to healthy social and sexual relationships for people with developmental disabilities has long been ignored and historically-dismissed, putting them at greater risk of being sexually abused or victimized. This project would provide self-advocates and support personnel with opportunities for the development of expertise in the areas of healthy relationships and abuse prevention, based on the healthy relationships curricula Respect Yourself and Me and You developed by the We Care A Lot Foundation.

The Healthy Relationships Curriculum Project will culminate in the hiring of a minimum of two peer trainers and the provision of at least 28 hours of Healthy Relationships training to other adults with developmental disabilities in San Luis Obispo County by the end of the grant cycle. The project also seeks to lay the foundation for ongoing training opportunities and the development of other peer trainer positions in the Tri-Counties area.